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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-30. (Cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) A looped fabric comprising a ground fabric consisting essentially of

cotton and provided with loops consisting essentially of bamboo fiber,

- whereby said ground fabric is provided with a ground weave that is obtained by a

technique with three weft sequences or by a technique with four weft sequences,

- whereby said looped fabric has a weight between 200 and 1700 gram/m², and

- whereby the number of warp threads per cm fabric is between 21 and 34, the number of

weft threads per cm fabric is between 10 and 28, and the number of loops per cm fabric is

between 3 and 9.

32. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops

are formed by a warp.

33. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops

are formed by a weft.

34. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops

are provided at both sides of the ground fabric.

35. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo fiber is

completely or partly mixed with other fibers.

36. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, comprising a ground warp, a

looped warp and a ground weft.

37. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the ground weft, the

ground warp and the looped warp comprise simple yarns or twined yarns.

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38. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the yarns in the ground warp and/or the looped warp are sheared.

39. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the ground warp

and the ground weft consist of cotton.

40. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the looped warp

consists of bamboo fiber.

41. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, wherein the ground warp

and the looped warp consist essentially of bamboo fiber.

42. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, comprising a ground warp

and a looped warp which are sheared evenly or thread per thread and a ground weft

consisting of simple yarn or twined yarn.

43. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the fabric

comprises a loop length per cm fabric on one side of the fabric that is between 0.5 and 1.7

cm.

44. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the bamboo loops

extend from the ground fabric to a height H, and the bamboo loops have, at the height H/2, a

width B which is $\leq 2/3$ H.

45. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein more than 30% of

the surface of the looped fabric is covered with bamboo loops.

46. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein between 30 and

90% of the total weight of the looped fabric consists of bamboo loops.

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47. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, whereby the yarn count in the looped warp is between Ne 3/1 and Ne 40/1 for simple yarns and between Ne 8/2 and Ne 40/2 for twined yarns.

- 48. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, whereby the yarn count in the ground warp is between Ne 6/1 and Ne 20/1 for simple yarns and between Ne 12/2 and Ne 30/2 for twined yarns.
- 49. (Previously presented) The looped fabric according to claim 36, whereby the yarn count in the ground weft is between Ne 10/1 and Ne 241 for simple yarns.
- 50. (Currently amended) The looped fabric according to claim 31, wherein the applied bamboo fiber has at least one of the physical characteristics at a temperature of 20°C and relative humidity of 65% within 20% variance as represented in table-1selected from the following: 2.33 CN/dtex dry tensile strength, 1.37 CN/dtex wet tensile strength, 23.8% dry elongation at break, -1.8 % linear density percentage of deviation, -1.8% percentage of length deviation, 0.2% overlength staple fibre, 6.2 mg/100g overcut fiber, 9.2 mg/100g maximale residuele sulphur, 6.4 mg/100g defect, 0 mg/100g oil-stained fibre, 13.42% CV coefficient of dry tenacity variation, 69.6% whiteness, 0.17% oil content, and 13.03% moisture regain.
- 51. (Currently amended) A terry made from the looped fabric a looped fabric comprising a ground fabric consisting essentially of cotton and provided with loops consisting essentially of bamboo fiber,

whereby said ground fabric is provided with a ground weave that is obtained by a technique with three weft sequences or by a technique with four weft sequences,

whereby said looped fabric has a weight between 200 and 1700 gram/m², and whereby the number of warp threads per cm fabric is between 21 and 34, the number of weft threads per cm fabric is between 10 and 28, and the number of loops per cm fabric is between 3 and 9according to claim 31.

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52. (Previously presented) The terry according to claim 51, wherein the terry is provided with one or more borders that consist essentially of bamboo fiber, and that is optionally provided with a fantasy illustration.

53. (Previously presented) The terry according to claim 52, wherein the border has a length between 1 and 15 cm.